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Marginal Column

By LEVEV LAQUEUR

LAST week's East German note to Bonn, containing a recommendation that West German Reparations to Israel should be stopped and other useful and friendly advice, has not been well received by the local friends of the German Democratic Republic. The Communist "Kol Ha'am" has not even printed the news item, which from their point of view, is the very limit to which they may go in demonstrating their lack of sympathy. The Mapam newspaper went further and published a few very angry remarks about that "serious and surprising" note. It is indeed a debatable point whether the note is "serious" or not, but it must be said that it was not at all "surprising."

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THE Party line on the restoration of Jewish property has been laid down in one of the most important and illuminating documents on the recent history of European Communism: "The lessons of the Slansky trial," a resolution adopted by the East German C.P. on January 4, 1953. This resolution sharply condemns two ex-comrades (Paul Merker and Erich Jungmann) for having demanded (in 1945) that after the war the Jews should receive "preferential treatment" in view of the fact that so many Jews had been killed and robbed. This, says the resolution, was a "hostile position", especially in view of the fact that Jungmann and Merker knew about the damage done by the Nazis in Russia and Poland. But then Jungmann and Merker had of course "the rich Jews in mind who left Germany because they were economically (not politically) persecuted" ("Wirtschaftsemigranten"). The same document justifies the aryanization of Jewish property, saying that what these Jews had left behind in Germany was "not property of the Jewish people" but the profits squeezed by Jewish monopoly capitalists out of German workers.

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IF one accepts the line that nothing essentially was wrong with Hitler's expropriation of "Jewish capitalists" in Germany after 1933, the Israel demand for Reparations from East Germany appears more than impertinent. How could one ask the new regime in East Germany, so radically different from the Nazis, (this, indeed, is their sincere belief) to pay "reparations" or "indemnities" to a non-Communist country? When Western Germany signed the Luxemburg agreement, East Berlin was sharply against it as it might have created the impression in Germany and the outside world, utterly mistaken of course, that the break with the Nazi past was more decisive in the West than in the East. The Israel Communists, too, were against the Reparations Agreement, because, they claimed, this shameful pact was giving moral sanction to the establishment of a new Wehrmacht. They said, to put it in a nutshell, that we are too good to accept Reparations from Western Germany. Now Ulibricht tells the Western German capitalists that the very oposite is true. The Jews in Israel are not too good: they are too bad to be given Reparations. German capitalists should keep the money.

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YET, one feels inclined to think, if we accept the premises of the theory outlined above, a strong case can be made for the unabashed appeal to anti-Semitism in Western Germany published by Ulibricht, not without the knowledge of his superiors. The main criterion for every Communist is, or at least should be, the interests of the bulwark of Socialism. These interests undoubtedly are better served in Western Germany (50 million inhabitants and one of the key areas in the cold war) than in small and unimportant Israel. There is no abstract justice according to which the Jews (or a small people in general) can make any claims. If the national interests of the Jews and the Germans clash, it is crystal clear that the interests of the Germans must prevail: not because West Germany is more Communist than Israel but because the "international balance of power" now makes it imperative that the Nazi crimes should be forgotten. Politically, most probably the Ulibricht note will be of little consequence. But the whole affair shows that the pendulum in the East again rapidly approaches normal after deceptive interlude.

Jerusalem, November 29.

Mayor of Hadera Acquitted; Judge Accuses Witness

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday. — Mr. David Berman, Mayor of Hadera, was acquitted yesterday by District Court Judge Y. Kahan of 30 charges of theft of local Council funds and forgery of official documents.

In his detailed statement, the Judge said: "Berman did not embezzle any funds, but I am not convinced that he did not know what was going on. However, a conviction cannot be based solely upon suspicion. The accused must be cleared as long as the charges have not been proven to the certainty required in a criminal case."

Mayor Berman will resume his official duties tomorrow.

Regarding Mr. A. Kraus, former Council Treasurer, who was the State's witness, the Judge said that he had committed the forgeries and embezzled funds. He recommended that the Attorney General weigh whether the State Attorney's assurance to Kraus that he would not be prosecuted prevented his being tried. His testimony, the Judge said, was unreliable.

In his judgment, the Judge also stated that the courtroom testimony of Dov Winkler, Hadera cafe owner, varied from the story he had told the police. He ordered Winkler to post bond in the sum of IL.500 pending his trial.

Berman 'Evasive'

Berman's replies to the State Controller showed a tendency towards evasiveness, the Judge said. He ruled that evidence offered by Deputy City Engineer Teinowitz that Berman had urged him to accept the payment of IL.380 under his name strengthened suspicion against the Mayor. Judge Kahan stated that the Mayor had signed many forged documents, and one glance at them would have shown them to be such. However, the prosecution had failed to prove its charges.

In his conclusion, the Judge said, "The defence, in view of the public office Berman holds has asked me to say that the accused was guiltless. I would say that the key positions in Hadera were held by skilled, but untrustworthy persons." He hoped that the Local Council of Hadera would put its house in order.

In Tel Aviv, Histadrut circles expressed their satisfaction over the Mayor's acquittal at a large public meeting held in the "Hof" Cinema this afternoon. The Mayor was congratulated in speeches by the secretary of the local Labour Exchange, members of the committee for his defence and the Director of the Municipal Department of the Histadrut.

Mr. Meir Argov, Secretary General of Mapai, congratulated Mr. Berman publicly at the opening of the Mapai Council in Tel Aviv on Friday. At the meeting, Mr. Berman was made a member of the Mapai Council Presidium.

ELIASHIV IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Saturday, (Reuter). — Dr. Shmuel Eliashiv, Israel Minister to the Soviet Union who left Moscow when Russia broke off relations with Israel nine months ago, returned here yesterday to resume his post.

He was greeted by the Chief of Protocol Zhukov, the Netherlands Minister (who has been acting on Israel's behalf during the rupture) representatives of the Luxembourg representation and of the Israel Legation staff and also by members of the Israel citrus mission now in Moscow.

Dr. Eliashiv is staying at the Metropole Hotel while the Legation building is being renovated.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Minister to Israel and Mrs. Abramov, a Legation Counsellor, an Attache and a non-diplomatic worker have received their Israel visas from the Israel Consulate in Vienna.

FAO Places Israel In Europe; Arabs Agree

ROME, Saturday (UP). — The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization today ruled that Israel is in Europe. A dispute between Israel and the Arab states was the only major incident at today's plenary session of the F.A.O. Conference.

Delegates from 69 nations almost unanimously approved arrangements on the geographical distribution of seats in the F.A.O. Council after settling the dispute by telling the Israel delegate that his country's place is in the European rather than the Near Eastern region.

The Israel Delegate protested an annex to a general committee report specifying officially for the first time which nations belonged to each region. The annex included Israel in Europe.

"Which common agricultural problem has Israel with Iceland, Finland or the United Kingdom?" the Israel delegate asked.

He said he had a "slight suspicion" that friendly nations in the general committee had arranged things that way in order to make it easier for Israel to obtain a seat in the Council, but Israel would rather forgo that seat than see reality changed.

Syria, Egypt, Iraq and Pakistan opposed the Israel objection charging that it was dictated by political motives and not conducive to the smooth working of F.A.O. They refused flatly to participate in any joint regional meeting with Israel.

"To be able to solve joint problems, you must have joint relations," the Syrian delegate said.

"This is a technical and practical, not a political and diplomatic conference," said the delegate of Iraq. "Can the Israel delegate cooperate with his Arab neighbours? He can not. Where is his realism then."

The debate on the issue was closed by a majority vote on Cuba's suggestion. The conference then rejected with 15 votes for, to 27 against a French suggestion to delete the appendix entirely, after the Arab nations, India and Brazil complained that without the appendix nations would not know to which region they belonged.

A special committee has been set up to act against locusts threatening the Middle East.

The members chosen for the committee were Egypt, Iraq Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Britain, France and the U.S., together with F.A.O experts.

F.A.O. said that the situation had worsened as locusts were rapidly spreading northward through the Arabian peninsula, invading the area east of Israel to Iraq.

Regional Meetings Felt Unnecessary

The Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent writes that the expedient adopted by the UN arises from the fact that the Arab States of the Middle East consistently have refused to sit down with Israel in Regional Units or allow Israel access to regional sessions which normally are held in Alexandria or Beirut.

Israel always has pressed the point that the UN must insist on conditions being created such as will enable her to participate, and there have been occasions in the past where facilities were promised for her to do so but these were never implemented.

The present solution, that for purposes of the Food and Agricultural Organization Israel should be considered part of Europe, was ridiculed by Israel delegates, legates, who asked what our agriculture had in common with that of Finland or Iceland.

Some U.N. specialized agencies have solved the problem by setting up sub-committees. Thus, the World Health Organization, for example, has two parallel subcommittees for this area. The "neutral" powers like Turkey and Britain (representing Cyprus) then sit down with Israel at one set of meetings and with the Arab States at another.

The problem, however, may disappear if the U.S. has its way. It is felt there that regional setups are unnecessary and should be abolished, leading as they do to duplication and unjustified expense.

Eshkol To Visit U.S. For Two Weeks

Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, will leave shortly for the U.S., the Finance Ministry spokesman stated on Friday. He will handle various financial problems during his two-week visit.

From Ministry circles it was learned that the Finance Minister will attend a conference of the Joint Funding Committee which is working to raise $75m. for a five year loan in order to consolidate Israel's short term debts. The Committee was first proposed at the recent Jerusalem Economic Conference, and will meet on December 10 in New York. It is understood that the Funding Committee represents all leading American Jewish groups, including the United Jewish Appeal and the Bond Drive.

Mr. Eshkol played a central role in the deliberations of the Jerusalem Conference, and due to this, and to the fact that he was an important figure in achieving the unity so urgently sought among the various campaigns, the Government felt that he would be most suitable for the present mission.

Mr. Eshkol will also attend a U.J.A. Conference on December 12, it was learned. The U.J.A. and the Bond Drive have undertaken the major responsibility in the raising of $125m. annually.

Informed sources told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday that the trip of Mr. P. Sapir, Director General of the Finance Ministry, to the U.K., Switzerland and Germany will be only of a week's duration, so that the Director General will not be gone for more than a few days during the Minister's absence. It is not yet known who will be Acting Finance Minister.

Rhee, in Formosa, Wants Collective Security Parley

TAIPEH, FORMOSA, Saturday (Reuter). — Dr. Syngman Rhee, the South Korean President, today called for a conference of Asian collective security.

Addressing 1,000 members of the Chinese Nationalist Legislative and Control Yuans (assemblies), Dr. Rhee said, "Our two Governments may invite other anti-Communist Governments of Southeast Asia to send their representatives to attend a conference for the collective security of southeast Asia."

Earlier Chiang and President Rhee conferred and pledged "close cooperation" between their countries.

Mr. Rhee said that he had flown to Taipeh only for a "courtesy" call on the Chinese



CHIANG RHEE

Nationalist President, but some observers interpreted the meeting as a base for a full-dress military pact between the two leaders.

Chiang stated at a banquet for Mr. Rhee that he pledged "close cooperation" between Nationalist China and the Republic of Korea in the "common" cause to eliminate Communist and Russian invaders."

"Our peoples are both determined that final victory will be ours," Chiang said.

Mr. Rhee replied that it was his "conviction" that "all of the people on the Chinese mainland are waiting for your return to liberate them" from Communism.

There was no official announcement of a formal alliance between Mr. Rhee and Chiang, but informed sources said that they "strongly expect" a pact to be signed later.

"The world is now aware of the menace and evil of Communism," Mr. Rhee said. "Chiang Kai Shek was the first to fight Communism and he has fought it longer than anyone else."

Mr. Rhee, who flew here earlier in the day in the personal plane of U.S., Gen. John E. Hull, is expected to stay in Formosa until Sunday.

UK Welcomes, US Cool To Soviet Call for Conference

Europe 'Heartened' By Move

LONDON, Saturday. — Russia has met a mixed reception for its latest Note proposing a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union. British and French circles have openly welcomed the Note and urged a prompt reply whereas the State Department has poured cold water on hopes of an early conference by expressing doubts as to the honesty of Soviet intentions.

The State Department, while not actually rejecting the Note, has questioned the Kremlin's motives and made it clear that the U.S. does not think the Note likely to lead to a constructive and fruitful meeting. The State Department claimed that the Russians had adhered to all their previous positions.

But the Foreign Office here announced yesterday that the Note amounted to acceptance of the West's proposals for a Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference and said that Britain hopes the West will reply to Russia without undue delay."

London opinion was worried by America's hasty condemnation. There was no doubt in official quarters here that the West must take up Russia's acceptance of Big Four talks.

In Paris, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault said that the Soviet Note was "not negative" and that France would not "dash the hopes it gives rise to."

Germans Opposed

Delegates to the "Little Europe" conference at The Hague welcomed the Russian move as "heartening," but a West German spokesman termed it a "transparent manoeuvre."

Should the Soviet Note be accepted by the West, January is generally considered to be the earliest opportunity for a conference in Berlin in view of the Bermuda meeting next week and the NATO Council meeting later in December.

"The New York Times" today described the Soviet offer as a "retreat" and a "triumph" for Secretary of State Dulles "whose firm but flexible stand on China and other issues is mainly responsible" for the fact that the Note is "not completely negative."

There seemed to be "little doubt that a Big Four conference on the Foreign Ministers' level will take place in the near future," the paper added.

French Eager

It is learned in Paris that Premier Laniel and M. Bidault will leave for Bermuda next Tuesday determined to press to the utmost Western acceptance of the Russian offer. The French in particular want to miss no opportunity of ending the Indo-Chinese war, and they see a Four Power-Foreign Ministers meeting as a useful opportunity to achieve this aim.

Sir Winston Churchill is taking with him to Bermuda Sir Frank Roberts, the Foreign Office's top expert on German affairs. Sir Frank, a Deputy Under-Secretary, has been Britain's chief representative at the Western experts meetings this year for drafting replies to Russian Notes. *(Reuter, UP)*

US Approves Neutrals To Sit-in at Parley

PANMUNJOM, Saturday (Reuter). — American Envoy Arthur Dean today agreed to accept neutral nations as "non-voting" observers at the forthcoming Korean Peace Conference.

Mr. Dean also proposed that Geneva should be the site for the Conference which, he said, is the only place that could have facilities ready at short notice for such a large scale conference." The Communists have insisted on this village as the conference site.

He repeated his suggestion that the Conference be held 38 to 42 days after the conclusion of the preliminary talks here. The Communists yesterday suggested December 28.

His proposals were made with the full approval of the 16 belligerent U.N. countries and South Korea, he said.

Plan 'Unclear'

After hearing Mr. Dean's statement, the Communists described it as "very unclear" and asked for a brief recess to study it.

Mr. Dean did not name any countries that might qualify as "non-voting observers" but limited his choice to "some or all of the Governments now working in Korea", or, if any of them do not wish to participate, "some other Governments with actual experience of Korean problems."

The neutrals working in Korea on post-truce agencies are India, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The Communists so far have been suggesting the presence of only India of these nations as "harmonizers." They have also suggested Burma, Indonesia, Pakistan and Russia.

The American Envoy told reporters after today's meeting that President Syngman Rhee of South Korea had promised to cooperate fully at the Conference, and that "while the Conference is in session hostilities will not be resumed."

Kremlin Wants Talks On Europe Defence

LONDON, Saturday, (UP). — Russia has asked the Western Foreign Ministers to attend a conference with her in Berlin to discuss reduction of international tension, and the security of Europe.

The latest Note, handed to the U.S., British and French Ambassadors in Moscow on Thursday and published last night, departs from previous suggestions for such a conference by not insisting on prior agreement to a conference with the People's Republic of China. It bitterly attacks West German arming and suggests that all European countries discuss their security together.

Four-Point Programme

There are four major points in the Note:

1. Russia is "ready" to attend a Four-Power meeting of Foreign Ministers on reducing international tension, "specific examination of questions concerning security in Europe, and the consequent resolution of the German problem. The city of Berlin is suggested as the site of the conference.
2. The conference should discuss the question of a meeting "in the near future" of Foreign Ministers of the Five Powers, including China.
3. The plan to re-arm Germany under the European Defence Community is denounced as "dangerous." The Note said that the European Army was designed to cloak a revival of German militarism and the creation in Europe of foreign military bases as a "threat to the security of other European states." The rearmament of West Germany would be "most dangerous for the peace of Europe" and contained a threat of "a new world war."
4. Russia is willing to exert efforts, together with other European countries, to cooperate on European security "by means of appropriate agreement between all the countries of Europe independent of their social structure."

Jordan to Study Israel Proposal

The Israel proposal to meet Jordan under the terms of Article 12 of the Israel-Jordan Armistice Agreement, continued to be the chief topic of the Jordan Cabinet, the Jordan Press and between Arab Heads of State, during the week-end.

The Jordan Cabinet decided yesterday to appoint a special committee to study the political and legal aspects of the proposal. After the Committee (composed of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Communications, Interior, Economics and Agriculture) submits its decision to the Cabinet, the Government will reply to the U.N. Secretary General.

The proposal was the main subject of a two-hour conference yesterday between Lebanese Premier, Abdullah el Yaffi, and Syria's President, General Adib Shishakly, in the latter's residence in Damascus. Another subject discussed at that meeting was Mr. Johnston's scheme for the Jordan River exploitation. Mr. El Yaffi told the Press that the matter would be referred to the Arab League for its next session.

On Friday, Dr. Hussein Fakhri el Khalidi, Jordan Minister of Foreign Affairs, told the Old City daily "El Jihad," that it would take some time before Jordan reached its decision. The Cabinet first wanted to study the reports of Yousef Heickal, Charge d'Affaires in Washington, and hear the opinions of the Arab U.N. delegations on the matter.

He said that the Israel proposal might be discussed first by the Arab League's Council in a special meeting, before its regular session on December 15.

Laniel for Bermuda Despite Poor Vote

PARIS, Saturday (UP). — Premier Joseph Laniel, who failed by 39 votes to secure an absolute majority in support of his European unity policy, nevertheless termed his simple majority, "a major victory," and said that he would not resign, but would lead his country's delegation to the Bermuda conference next month.

It was the abstention by the mass of Gaullist Deputies which saved the Premier from a heavy defeat. As it was, he scraped through with a National Assembly vote of 275 to 244 with 100 abstentions.

The Gaullists oppose French participation in the European Army project. But they abstained in the vote to give the Government a chance to survive until January when it has to resign in any case because of the election of the President of the Republic.

The Premier's supporters came from the Catholic Popular Republican Party and its allies, about half the Radical Socialists and about half the Independents and Moderates.

A few hours before the vote, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault threatened to resign because of the mildness of the Premier's resolution. He was prevailed upon to remain in office.

Budgeting Operations Praised by McDaniel

"In two short years the achievements (of Israel) have been outstanding in almost every phase of development. While there is much yet to be done, this does not minimize what has been accomplished," Mr. Bruce McDaniel, Director of the U.S. Operation Mission to Israel said in an interview over Kol Yisrael last night.

"May I stress particularly the great strides which the Government of Israel has made in her budgeting operations. It is a record of which the nation may justly be proud."

UN Asks for Talks to Cut Arms, Rejects Move to Outlaw A-War

UNITED NATIONS Saturday. — The General Assembly today asked the major Powers to make another effort to achieve progress in disarmament, while it rejected a Soviet call to brand the first user of an Atomic or Hydrogen bomb as a war criminal.

The Assembly approved by 54 to none with five abstentions a Political Committee resolution asking the Disarmament Commission to consider the desirability of setting up a sub-committee "of the Powers principally involved" to "seek in private an acceptable solution" to the world-wide deadlock on arms reduction.

The Soviet group abstained, not because they objected to the resolution in itself, but because the Assembly had rejected the list of Soviet amendments to it.

These amendments aimed at recognition by the Assembly of its need for prohibiting Atomic and Hydrogen weapons; for substantial reduction in the armaments of the Great Powers, and for a declaration that the first Government to use Atomic, Hydrogen or other instruments of mass destruction be deemed a war criminal.

They were the same amendments which the Political Committee had rejected on Thursday. *(Reuter, UP)*

Assembly Outvotes Colonial Powers

UNITED NATIONS. — The General Assembly last night approved, over the objections of the administering countries, a list of factors which might determine whether a dependent territory had become self-governing. The vote was 32 to 19 with six abstentions.

The revised list included questions concerning national defence, freedom to choose the form of government, freedom of control by another State in respect of legislative, executive and judicial functions, and complete autonomy in economic, social and cultural affairs.

The Assembly over-rode Dutch objections and approved, by 33 votes to 13 with six abstentions, a resolution requesting the Netherlands to continue sending reports on conditions in the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam.

Puerto Rico Free

President Eisenhower informed the U.N. last night that he is ready to recommend absolute independence for Puerto Rico whenever its Legislative Assembly adopted a resolution to that effect. The Assembly adopted a Trusteeship Committee resolution recognizing the self-governing status of Puerto Rico. The vote was 26 in favour, 16 against and 18 abstentions.

Also last night the General Assembly made the following decisions:

- *Refugees* — Approved by 52 to 0 with five abstentions the Political Committee resolution authorizing the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees to adopt a relief budget of $24.8m. for the year ending June 30, 1954. The Assembly also authorized the Advisory Commission of UNRWA to increase its membership by not more than two members.
- *Fees* — Approved by 50 to 6, a Budget Committee

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Labour Firms Join Demand For Higher Citrus Rate

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—A united front of the private and cooperative sectors of the citrus industry is demanding the IL.1.800 to a dollar rate of exchange from the proceeds of exports now that "Yakhin" and "Tnuva Export," the labour companies, have reversed their stand and joined the private concerns.

The question will be on the agenda of the Citrus Marketing Board again tomorrow, and new steps will be contemplated to convince the Ministry of Finance, which has proposed a less favourable rate of exchange to the growers.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Independent non-Party candidates were in the lead as first results of the Sudanese general elections which ended on Thursday were announced in Khartoum last night. All the results were from the Southern Provinces.

Crucial Mapai-GZ Talk Tonight

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The General Zionist Party Board yesterday appointed Dr. E. Rimalt and Mr. S. Babe to the Coalition talks committee, hitherto composed of the four General Zionist Cabinet Ministers.

The four-cornered meeting between the representatives of Mapai, General Zionists, Progressives and the Religious Parties originally scheduled for tomorrow is now expected to take place on Monday, after the General Zionists come together tomorrow night for what is understood to be the crucial meeting.

Mr. M. Argov, Secretary-General of Mapai, said at the opening of the Mapai Council that the invitation to Mapam had been made "in good faith" and that he sincerely hoped a larger coalition than the present one is possible.

ARMY BEATS NAVY

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday (UP). — The Army beat the Navy 20 to 7 in the annual football classic between the two service teams before 100,000 spectators in Municipal Stadium here today. Pat Uebel scored three touchdowns for the cadets.

Zero Weather Freezes Israel

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Gloomy, cold weather spoiled many a week-end plan, as short interludes of sunshine warmed the city inadequately. The unusual quiet of deserted streets was broken only sporadically by well-muffled pedestrians.

A little warmer and clearer weather is forecast for tomorrow.

But the worst is almost over, the Lydda Airport Meteorological Service tells us. They attributed the cold spell to a stream of air flowing this way from southern Russia via Turkey. Instruments show that Iraq is about to come under the cold spell.

The cold weather came a little early in the season. Zero temperature was reported from Mount Cana'an and close to zero minimums in Jerusalem and Beersheba. No new snow was reported from the Lebanon or Syria, although ANA reports that heavy snow is expected in both countries in the next 24 hours.

COLDEST NOVEMBER

NICOSIA, Saturday (Reuter). — The Middle East is having its coldest November in living memory. The cold belt stretches from Athens to Bahrein in the Persian Gulf.

The runway of Istanbul Airport was covered with snow yesterday and the airport at Mersa Matruh in Egypt was flooded today. Rough seas in the Mediterranean delayed for two days the arrival at Famagusta of the 2,703-ton Italian ship, Campidoglio.

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Rabbi Z. Ben Ya'acov, MK, and Rabbi M. Porush, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, have left by plane for the U.S. on a mission for the World Executive of Agudat Yisrael.

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Mr. Carl A. Anderson, the Mayor of Stockholm, yesterday visited the Phosphate Works as the guest of Mayor David Tuvyahu of Beersheba.

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Mr. Yosef Nevo, Israel Consul in Canada, left by El Al on Thursday for Montreal.

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Aluf-Mishne S. Sirkin, Israel Military Attache in France and the Benelux countries, arrived yesterday for a short visit.

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Dr. D. Bergman, Deputy Chief of the Purchasing Mission in Western Germany, left by El Al on Thursday on his way to Cologne.

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Dr. Alexander Gonik, Director of Health of the American Joint Distribution Committee, the parent organization of Malben, has arrived for a three-week visit. He will study problems connected with the treatment and care of chronically ill and custodial care patients.

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Mr. Isaac Stern will appear as soloist at the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's Pension Fund Concert, with Rafael Kubelik conducting, at the Ohel Shem Hall, Tel Aviv, on Tuesday. This will be the only "special concert" in which both Kubelik and Stern will participate.

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A Hanukka Party will be held at the Jerusalem Sports Club for members' children on Wednesday at 4 p.m. Mrs. Rina Nikova's children ballet will perform.

Where to go

★ **Lectures:** —
Hebrew writing in America: Dr. A. Schwartz. Dr. M. Finstein, Chairman. Mr. Z. Shazar, Be'eri Club, 8.30 p.m.

★ **Archaeology:** —
Permanent Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Daily 9–1, 4–6.

★ **Exhibitions:** —
"Fifty years of French Painting", consisting of over 100 works. "Girl" by Chaim Soutine. New Acquisitions — Hellenistic, Roman and Islamic vessels, Rockefeller Museum, 9-1, 2-5. Works by Rico Blass and Jacob Pins. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ **Tours:** —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building. King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Shows:** —
Keren Hayesod, 11.30-12.30.

★ **Theatre:** —
"Naor-A-Din" Chamber Theatre, Edison Hall, 9 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ **Lectures:** —
Association of University Women. Guest speaker: Mrs. Anna Arazi Wise Club, 91 Hayarkon, 1 p.m.

★ **Exhibitions:** —
Paintings and sculptures by the New Horizons group; Leonardo, the Artist and Man of Science; Museum, 10-1 4-7.
Oil Paintings by Zipora Salomon-Duby. Auspices Painters' and Sculptors' Association-Ihud Hakvutsot v'Hakibbutzhim. Katz Art Gallery, 97 Rehov Dizengoff. Opening at 6 p.m.

★ **Theatre:** —
"My Sister Eileen", Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8.00 p.m.
"Caution, Road Under Repair." Lé-La-Lo, Yascha Helfetz Hall, 7.15 and 9.45 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Theatre:** —
Do-Re-Mi, "Countess Maritza," Operetta, Rama Hall, 6 & 9.15 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES
JERUSALEM: Ora, 27 King George, 3041; Opiatka, Mahane Yehuda, 4021.
TEL AVIV: Magen David, 35 Allenby, 66436; Bracha, 342 Dizengoff, 63467; Moshenzon, 93 Ben Yehuda, 32461; Ahad Ha'am, 51 Ahad Ha'am, 3881; Maccabi, New Maccabi Qr., 67387. **JAFFA:** Sa'ad, 34 Sd. Yerushalayim, 80145. **RAMAT GAN:** Lifshitz, 19 Herzl. **NAHLAT YITZHAK:** Fisherman, near Bedolah factory. **BNEI BRAK:** Shapira, Rehov Harashi.
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Strong Economy Requires Large Network of Social Services

By YITZHAK KANEV,
Chairman of the Interministerial Commission for Social Security

November 11, 1953, was an important date in the history of the State of Israel when the Knesset adopted the National Insurance Law. There may be some defects in this law, but these can be eliminated in time; at any rate, they do not minimize the aspect of the State's social policy. If in the sixth year of its existence the State is able to promulgate a law—embracing the entire population — which covers insurance on old age, widowhood and orphanhood, we may consider it a great achievement of our social policy.

In face of the historic task which has been imposed upon us, following the wave of mass immigration from the East and the West, to integrate the various and diverse communities, a judicious social services policy may well serve the State as an efficient instrument for forging all these elements into one nation. For we shall not attain the status of a compact nation as long as we harbour in our midst the conflicting elements of poverty, penury, disease and ignorance on the one hand, and health, education and a secure existence on the other.

While we all agree that social insurance is not a panacea for all the ills crowding in upon us, and that the development of the country and a firmly established economy must be in the forefront of our endeavours, we must realize that this cannot be carried out without the necessary social services.

First Phase Only

To those who doubt that we are in a position to implement the law, let us state that this is only part of the first phase of a comprehensive security programme which has been planned in accordance with the capabilities of our young State.

Our social security programme took form when our struggle for liberty began, when the Provisional Government was occupied with drawing up plans for the future. The matter of social security loomed large in the thoughts of those concerned with the establishment of the new Government. We had an important and basis for planning in the social services of the Zionist Organization in general, and of organized labour in particular. These were the axis upon which revolved the plans for the future. It was under difficult emergency conditions that the first material was collected and the initial plans drawn up by the Histadrut's Institute of Social Research.

In the State's first year of existence, a social security planning body was appointed, which spent a year in preparing the plans. These plans served as the basis for social research, the results of which were published in a comprehensive volume "Social Security Plan for Israel," and which were submitted for Government consideration in February, 1950.

The first draft law was tabled even before the First Knesset dispersed, but discussions were delayed in face of new elections. In the Second Knesset, the law passed its first reading unopposed. A labour sub-committee, for a year-and-a-half, subjected all sections of the law to a detailed examination, and only now has it finally been approved.

There is a great difference between labour legislation and social security legislation. Insurance laws determine not only the legal norms, but also generate the social security services. And it is precisely here that the greatest of care is called for in order to avert setbacks which have thwarted the efforts of many developed countries in the initial phase of social services' implementation. While it is quite possible that the law is complete in all its aspects as well as up-to-date, it will not brook dilatory action in execution, and it is for this reason that the operational stage is considered to be the most decisive. The date allotted for implementation seems quite short—April 1, 1954—within four months, and it is quite possible that it will be required to be extended by two or three months.

We need not begin from scratch in implementing the law. In the field of industrial accident insurance; for example, industry stands to save large sums which are now being paid into the insurance companies and which in part are being withdrawn as earnings. The insurance companies are in no position to offer pensions to widows and to those disabled in industrial accidents. This can only be made possible by a State institution. On the contrary, payments for this type of insurance will be smaller than the premiums at present paid to insurance companies.

As for maternity insurance, even today mothers are receiving assistance. Under the new law, maternity insurance will be paid commensurate with the amount needed for a working mother's livelihood. The new departure here is that every maternity case will receive the amount of IL.55, part of which is for hospital accommodation and part for equipping the new-born infant. In addition to solving the thorny problem of hospitalization, this will bring down the mortality rate among infants and mothers.

(The first of two articles)

Killed By a Bang

GRAVESEND, Saturday (Reuter). — A workman, John O'Sullivan, is believed to be the first fatal victim of an aircraft's "supersonic bang" — the noise a plane makes when it pierces the sound barrier.

Two mid-air explosions yesterday are believed to have collapsed the sides of a ditch in which O'Sullivan was working, burying him alive.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 33.3, 48.9 & 322 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME
NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m.: 1.30, 6.15 and 11.00 p.m. **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m. 1.15 and 6.30 p.m. **Turkish:** 11.30 p.m.
6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 8.30 Service from the Coptic Church, Nazareth. 10.30 Close Down.
12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.30 Requests (R). 1.45 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Siesta (R). 5.00 Horn Recital: Simha Arom. 5.20 Tea Time Music (R). 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. A Medley of Hebrew Tunes (Starer); "Faust" Ballet Music (Gounod). 7.50 Talk. 7.40 Interlude. 7.45 "What's New in Science?" 8.00 "Wells of Work." 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.40 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra: Conductor: Leonard Bernstein. Adagio from Symphony No. 10 (Mahler); Serenade No.10, K. 361 (Mozart). 9.40 Milestones. 10.10 Hanukka Songs (R). 10.20 Variety 11.05 Close Down.
SECOND PROGRAMME
English News: 1.45 p.m.; 10.15 p.m.
4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Chess. 5.00 Programme for Teenagers. 5.20 Story. 5.35 Music. 5.45 Talk. 6.15 Close Down.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.3, 49.9 & 460 M.) **French:** 6.30 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.00 p.m. **Yiddish:** 7.30 p.m.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 News. 11.22 Personal Column. 11.30 Progress Report.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6 216, 226 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 6.55 Entrance Ticket. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.45 Sports. 8.00 Chamber Music. 8.30 News. 8.45 Evening Tunes. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.
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From Friday's Press

Mapai—Mapam Negotiations

Commenting on the impending negotiations between Mapai and Mapam, "Davar" (Histadrut) welcomes Mapam's reported willingness to participate in a progressive Coalition Government in view of the anti-Israel pressure exerted by the Arab Governments and the Western Powers. The paper believes that it is easier for Mapam to join the Government now than it was at the time when the anti-Zionist wing had not been excluded, and says that existing differences of opinion can be aired within the Government, as one of Mapam's spokesmen put it. The paper says that most of the conditions put by Mapam are acceptable. Mapam's demand for "real neutrality" may have to be examined in greater detail, but here too agreement can be reached with a measure of goodwill. The paper says that Israel's foreign policy was defined in Mr. Sharett's letter to the Soviet Foreign Minister a few months ago, where it was stated that Israel would not join any aggressive military pact. The paper hopes that this time collaboration between Mapai and Mapam will become a reality.

Minimum Guarantee

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says that the political committee's announcement shows that Mapam is not making its participation in the Government dependent, on portfolios as is the case with some parties. The paper demands several minimum political guarantees, complaining that in a situation where quite obviously a new approach is needed the coalition parties are almost exclusively engaged in safeguarding their organizational interests, and Mapai has deemed it right to make further compromises with the General Zionists before negotiations with Mapam begin. The paper says that Mapai is now at the crossroads: the workers in the country demand a working class Coalition.

"Davar's" cartoonist shows Mr. Ben Gurion packing (Aristoteles' Works, among other things) for Sde Boker while Mr. M. Sharett enters the Prime Minister's room. Messrs. Rokach and Bernstein talking to Mr. Ben Gurion through the window are asking for key money.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) comments on Mr. Sharett's candidacy for the post of Prime Minister, saying that the public has received this choice favourably. The paper thinks that one of the new Prime Minister's most urgent assignments will be to overcome differences of opinion between the various Ministries and to coordinate their policy.

Several other papers deal with economic topics, "Ha'aretz" (Independent) with the third American Grant-in-Aid and "Haboker" (General Zionist) with the Government's attitude towards the citrus growers' demand of the IL.1.800 to the dollar exchange rate. The paper says that the grove owners are even more angry about the general attitude displayed towards them, which the paper says is out of date, than with the refusal to grant them their requests.

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THE WEEK AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE

May Resume Power Quotations Today

TEL AVIV. — The Palestine Electric Corporation issue played a prominent part this week. When it became clear that Lord Nathan's mission was about to bring some results, and an official statement by the Government and the Corporation was expected, the Tel Aviv stock exchange Board decided to discontinue the quotations in order to safeguard the interests of all concerned. On November 20, before the suspension, the price was 394% for London Register, 301% for Israel Register, and 227% for Jerusalem Electric. It seems that the quotations will not be resumed before today, Sunday. It is understood, however, that unofficial prices had been quoted outside the stock exchange at around 450% for the London Register, 335% for the Israel Register, and 235% for Jerusalem Electric. In London in the meantime, prices for Palestine Electric advanced by more than 1/—, reaching 18/6 to 19/—.

During the week, Tavel Dollar, which after IL.1.209 at the end of last week touched IL.1.217, receded to IL.1.189 on Thursday, thus losing 20 pruta for the week and 28 pruta from the week's peak. No special reason was mentioned for this development, but it will be recalled that similar fluctuations have taken place in recent months. Also on the weaker side of the market were the textile shares of Ata and Kurdaneh which, after an improvement in the first part of the week, lost again a few points towards the weekend. In comparison with last week, however, the changes were insignificant. According to information received, the "ex date" for the 12½% bonus payment for both Companies has been fixed for December 8, 1953. Bank Leumi and Africa-Palestine Investment shares also lost some ground during the week, the former declining by 3 points to 287% on Thursday and the latter by 1½ point to 125%.

The demand for Palestine Potash ordinary shares brought prices of these shares some 13 points higher during the week, closing at 1754% on Thursday. Very firm were the Palestine Cold Storage debentures which regained their former drop, improving by 6½ points during the week to 1361%. Shitrei Erech displayed another firm week, gaining nearly 2 points and closing at 871% and 894% for the large and small denominations respectively. The delay in the distribution of the 7½% bonus by P.L.D.C. was explained this week by technical difficulties arising in connection with this transaction in London. It will be recalled that for some time the Company has been preparing the transfer of its registered office from London to Israel, and it may be that only after this has been completed, will the bonus shares be distributed. On the other hand, a 3½% cash payment as interim dividend for the current year is expected soon.

NEW YORK. — Stocks rallied in brisk trading despite restraining influence of the Thanksgiving holiday which will be a four-day weekend for many in Wall Street. Fractional gains were the rule, but a long list of special issues scored bigger improvement. Dow Jones Averages for 30 industrials was 277.18 against 274.51 last week, and for 20 rails 96.[illegible]96.96.

GOLD. — The world free market price for gold in terms of U.S. currency dropped further to a new low of $34.90-$35.10 per ounce. It should be pointed out that although this price is 10c. lower than the official buying price of $35 per ounce, there is still a slight advantage in selling gold to unofficial rather than official buyers, as it saves expenses.

COMMODITIES. — In London, tea was quoted at 3/6½d. a pound, the highest level since tea auctions were resumed in April 1951. A sharp rise brought the ton of cash tin to £685, some £30 higher than last week. Later, however, a small reaction set in, still becoming a considerable gain for the week. The price for zinc and lead also improved.

Reuters UK Commodities Index was 480.2 against 477.5 last week. In New York, strength in soya beans spearheaded a rise in most commodity markets. Dow Jones Spot Commodity Index was 170.17 against 168.50 last week.

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St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial): M.S. 10 a.m. Rev. J.G.L. Christie M.C. M.O.A. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6 p.m.
Zion Christian Mission (Prophets St. near Rav Kook St.): Rev. Wm. L. Hull. Sunday, Combined Service at Y.M.C.A. 7.30 p.m.
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Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome.
Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 5 p.m.
Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S., 7.30 p.m.
Hebrew Evangelization Soc. Mission, (Musrara 59/13): 7 p.m. Hebrew; 8 p.m. English, German. Thursday: 7.30 p.m. English, German.
Jerusalem Baptist Congregation: Opp. Gan Rehavia, Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventists Congregation in Israel (Rehov Abraham Lincoln): Friday: Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Saturday: M.W. 9 a.m.: Lecture Service in French, German, Bulgarian with translation in English.
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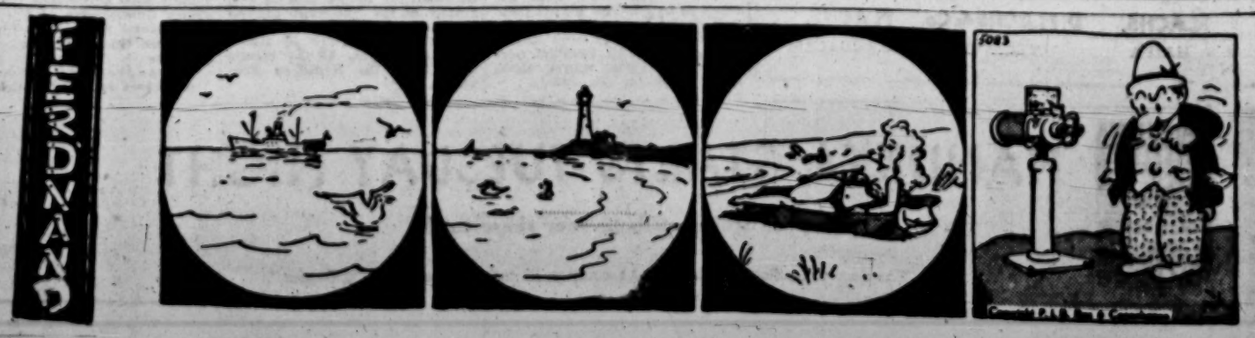
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Lydda Airport	48	8	12	15
Jerusalem	57	2	6	8
Beersheba	50	3	11	14
Eilat	31	10	16	18

FORECAST: Cloudy, possible light rain.

"A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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HISTADRUT WEEK, to mark the 33rd anniversary of the Jewish Federation of Labour in Israel, will begin tomorrow night with a broadcast over Kol Yisrael. The week's programme includes 200 meetings, three regional conventions, talks to workers in workshops, and four mobile exhibitions.

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FINES OF IL.50 were imposed last week on the cooperative bakery, Lahmenu Batzofon, and its manager, Mr. Michael Gross, by the Afula Magistrate's Court for baking bread which contained worms. In imposing the additional fine on the manager, Magistrate J. Bar-Ze'ev said that it is his responsibility to see that sanitary measures are enforced.

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TEL AVIV Magistrate J. Cohen-Meguri on Friday refused to judge Avraham Tzuker, a milkman charged with selling milk in short measure, on the grounds that the accused is his milkman, and that therefore he might be prejudiced. The case was transferred to another judge.

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A CANVAS HUT, the home of two families, at the Zichron Ya'acov *ma'abara*, burned down at 3 p.m. yesterday. Neighbours extinguished the flames, but not before they had consumed all the possessions, valued at IL.6,000, of the two families.

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A FOURTH bus will enter the internal service of Beersheba today, and a fifth will be added as soon as funds for its purchase are available.

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TWENTY-TWO graduates of the New Jerusalem Conservatoire and Academy of Music received their diplomas on Thursday at a ceremony in the Y.M.C.A. in Jerusalem.

TWO KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Two persons were killed in road accidents in the last two days.

Mr. George Bach overturned while driving a motor-cycle in Ramat Gan early this morning and died *en route* to hospital.

Mr. Zalman Soreky, 46, of Moshav Ganei Yehuda, was killed on Thursday night while riding in a taxi which collided with a parked lorry on the Haifa-Petah Tikva Road near the railway tracks.

Also in the taxi were Mr Reuven Melovzki, of Petah Tikva, who was taken in a serious condition to the Tel Hashomer Hospital, and the driver, Mr. Mordecai Sobol, 35, of Petah Tikva, who was detained after treatment of slight injuries.

Changes in T.A. One-Way Streets

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Traffic on four one-way streets here will be permitted only in the opposite direction, beginning Tuesday.

Drivers are now requested by the traffic police to use Raines, Adam Hacohen, and Arba Aratzot streets travelling north, and Rehov Shlomo Hamelech travelling towards the city's centre.

The purpose of the original change, which was made in January, was to draw traffic away from Rehov Dizengoff, a main thoroughfare, but drivers persist in using that street.

MURDER SUSPECT REMANDED

ACRE, Saturday. — Binyamin Rikun, suspected of having murdered an elderly Arab couple in their home here two weeks ago, was remanded for a fortnight by the local Magistrate yesterday.

He was arrested on Thursday morning near Binyamina, and was taken to the Magistrate's chambers to avoid a public outburst in the courtroom. Feeling against the man is running high here among both Arabs and Jews.

Rikun is believed to have made a statement to the Magistrate at his own request. His file is locked away on the insistence of the police, who wish to pursue the investigation in secrecy.

Rikun, 46, emigrated from Russia in 1946, and for a long period was the murdered couple's sub-tenant. Lately, violent quarrels had occurred between them.

After his remand, Rikun was taken to the District Prison in Tiberias, where he is being kept under heavy guard in a cell for dangerous prisoners.

INFILTRATORS FLEE

Watchmen of Moshav Katra, on Thursday night prevented armed infiltrators from stealing cattle, the army spokesman announced on Friday.

The marauders threw grenades at the watchmen but fled when the latter opened fire.

ITIM reports that on the same night watchmen of Kfar Naham in the Jerusalem Corridor, fired at a group of persons who approached the village and refused to identify themselves. The group escaped.

BEERSHEBA, Saturday. — Infiltrators stole 40 olive saplings, valued at IL.320, from a kibbutz in the western Negev on Thursday night. The tracks of four men led in the direction of the Gaza Strip.

NEW U.S. MINISTER ARRIVES IN AMMAN

The new U.S. Minister to Jordan, Dr. Lester D. Mallory, arrived in Amman yesterday, NEABS has announced. He replaces Mr. Joseph G[illegible] who has retired.

Mapai Council Reverses Stand On Labour Flag and Anthem in Schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Mapai Council today decided to cancel the recommendation of the Party's Central Committee of last July, that the Labour flag and anthem be permitted in State schools on the Histadrut Anniversary and the 1st of May.

The procedure in State schools in regard to flag and anthem should be the same as would apply in all Government buildings, the Council decided by 108 votes to 25 with 22 abstentions.

The issue of the flag arose last summer, when the State Education Bill was before the Knesset and the General Zionists insisted that the law must stipulate that no labour flags are to be permitted to be raised above school buildings. When the Mapai Central Committee passed a compromise resolution, the General Zionists left the Government, to return only after Mr. M. Argov, Secretary-General of Mapai, announced that his Party's Council — a larger body than the Central Committee — would be asked to quash it. Today's decision comes just in time to make good the promise, for next week the Histadrut is to celebrate its 33rd anniversary.

The chief supporter of exclusiveness of the National Flag in State schools was Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. A nation can have only one emblem, he told the Council last night. When education was the concern of private groups, the rules and emblems of those groups could be introduced in the schools they maintained. Now that the State has the authority to impose taxation on everyone to maintain education for all, only national emblems may be used in her schools.

Emotional Grounds

To Mr. Israel Guri, who defended the Committee's decision on subjective grounds ("We have been teaching our children for many years to respect the ideals for which Labour stands") Mr. Ben Gurion said that it was not the first time labour was passing on to the nation, institutions and ideas it was the first to create. The Haganah, for instance, was founded by labour leaders, and 80% of Haganah members were workers.

"We decided, however, to transfer the Haganah to the highest Jewish authority at the time, the Va'ad Leumi, for it was of national importance. No one has ever suggested that the Haganah had pledged allegiance to a party. Similarly, the system of education which the labour movement had elaborated for years, is now being followed by the nation as a whole," Mr. Ben Gurion said.

The dangers of "private education" were as real and disastrous as the danger of parties having "private armies", Mr. Ben Gurion added.

"If 'private armies' had been permitted during the War of Independence, "this country long ago would have ceased to exist," Mr. Ben Gurion went on.

When Jerusalem was beleaguered, he recalled, and arms were sent to her defenders, "a group which considered itself as a private army seized the arms as they passed through their hands. We let it pass then — but we decided that there would be no private allegiances in the Army of Israel". Although he did not mention it by name, the reference to Palmach was understood by all.

Mr. Guri said that if the "flag clause" were maintained, some labour settlements would prefer to maintain their own system of education.

Democratic Way

Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, stated that "we have the right to influence the form of education everywhere in this country, and we do not accept the right of parents to self-determination: we shall use our influence in a democratic way, in the hope of channelling education towards the ideals at which we all aim." State education, Mr. Sharett said, was an inevitable corollary of the creation of the State, and it was equally inevitable that only one flag be recognized by the State's schools.

Prof. B. Dinur, the Minister of Education, felt that the reform in education was being held back by the "psychological conservatism" of the teachers. "I wonder," he said, "how teachers can pass on the pioneering spirit to their pupils if they lack it themselves." Many irregularities, observed in the education system at the beginning of this year, also had existed in the past — but then the parties, which sponsored the schools, were interested in suppressing the facts.

Wilner Sued By Former Communist

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). — Mrs. Lea Chechik, a former active member of the Communist Party, claimed IL.12,000 compensation from Mr. M. Wilner M.K. (Communist) in a civil defamation suit in the District Court here yesterday.

Mrs. Chechik alleges that Mr. Wilner publicly called her "provocateur," "crazy," and "abnormal" after she had left the Party, causing her thereby damage in her secretarial profession and making her subject to public ridicule and shame. Mr. M. Mikunis, M.K. (Communist), testified that he was present during the conversation between Mrs. Chechik and Mr. Wilner but did not remember the defendant addressing the plaintiff in the way she has alleged.

Govt. Plan to Buy T.A Port Accepted 'In Principle'

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Marine Trust, owners of the Tel Aviv Port, yesterday resolved at its Council Meeting to accept in principle the Government's suggestion to purchase the Port and run the Jaffa and Tel Aviv Ports under a single management.

The Council heard that the Government proposed to buy the immobile property of the Port, leaving all the equipment in the hands of the Marine Trust, which would operate it for a fixed fee.

The Marine Trust appointed a committee to negotiate with the Government. The financial settlement is expected to be the subject of protracted negotiations.

Auto Repairmen To Submit Price List

The Association of Automobile Repair Shop Owners will soon submit a price list and general suggestions for improving the quality of their work to Mr. M. Bar, Controller of Road Transport, it was decided at a meeting with Mr. Bar last week.

The Controller said that the Ministry of Communications had to intervene in the matter after it had received numerous complaints about the low grade work and high prices of repair.

Court Voids Police Dismissal Notice

A dismissal notice issued by the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Y. Sahar, against a policeman for behaving in a manner which reflects upon the good name of the Police, was voided on Friday by the High Court on the grounds that the notice did not follow standard Police procedure.

Menashe Shoham, who joined the force in 1951, lived with his family in the Hyria *ma'bara*, near Tel Aviv. After requesting better living conditions, he moved illegally into a canvas hut near the one room his family occupied. After a complaint was lodged against him, the Police Welfare Officer requested the authorities not to allow Shoham to move into an apartment he was scheduled to receive in Tel Aviv. Seeking further details, Shoham went to the offices of the Bank Leumi in Tel Aviv and asked an official there whether the apartment was still available. The latter contacted the Tel Aviv District Officer, who in turn, called the Inspector-General, telling him that Shoham was creating a "poor impression." On the basis of this report, Shoham was dismissed on February 11, 1953.

(Hm.)

Truman Asks Backing For Israel Peace Call

CHICAGO, Saturday (UP). — Former President Harry Truman called on the U.S. tonight to "support the desire of Israel to negotiate with the Arab States."

Such negotiations "must be the goal of the U.N. of which Israel has proved to be one of the most devoted members," Mr. Truman said. "Today we must work towards the ideal of peace and progress in the Middle East and we must all welcome Israel's offer to sit down and negotiate with the Arab States.

"I had faith in Israel when, as President of the U.S., I recognised her. I have faith in her now. I believe this new State will grow and become a bulwark of freedom. It will take the same kind of courage to bring the new State of Israel to success as was displayed by the Israel of old."

UN ASSEMBLY

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proposal to increase by 15% the financial contributions to the U.N. of the Soviet group of countries, excluding Czechoslovakia, and to reduce contributions from the U.S., Britain and South Africa.

● *Court* — Elected Fedor Ivanovich Kozhevnikov of the Soviet Union to the International Court of Justice to replace a Soviet Judge, Sergei Golunsky, who resigned last July.

A Committee of experts has advised the Security Council to recommend to the Assembly acceptance of Japan's request to become a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

The Social Committee decided, by 36 votes to 5 with 10 abstentions to give full airing to complaints of forced labour behind the Iron Curtain.

(Reuter, UP)

REPAIR OF DORMITION CHURCH PLANNED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A survey team from the Jerusalem Public Works Department scaled the heights of the Church of the Dormition on Mount Zion on Friday. They were drawing plans for the repairs of the roof which was damaged by shell-fire during the battle of Jerusalem in 1948. The survey work will last for about a week. Repairs will be undertaken as soon as the necessary material, mainly lead sheets, is available.

When these are completed, one of the remaining scars of the Jerusalem siege will have disappeared. The Abbey will then be ready for the celebrations of Anno Mariano to take place next year. The celebrations commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

It was in 1854 that Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary.

500 Head of Cattle Expected from U.S.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The first move to expand local breeding of cattle for meat is to be made shortly by importing 500 head of pedigree cattle from the U.S. The ($250,000) needed for the purchase has been included in the spending programme of the current American Grant-in-Aid.

A purchasing mission is to go to the U.S. this week, and it is hoped that the cattle will arrive during January. They are to be distributed among some 20 settlements in various parts of the country, in order to determine whether they are suited to our climate.

The cattle are to be selected from the southwestern States (Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico) and are to be grazed on natural pasture.

STRIKE THREAT

The higher ranks of civil servants have decided to absent themselves from work on Thursday, December 3, to protest the Government's failure to grant them professional status.

The decision was taken after the Government had refused to increase their salaries. Meetings of the striking civil servants will be held in the three cities, at which further steps will be decided.

STRIKE. — Photo engravers on six major New York City newspapers went on strike yesterday and "The World-Telegram and Sun" and "The Post" did not publish. "The Journal-American," printed its Saturday and Sunday editions on Friday and began distributing them yesterday.

DEATH OF TWO PLAYWRIGHTS

Eugene O'Neill Won Nobel Prize

BOSTON, Saturday (UP). — Playwright Eugene O'Neill, whose final years were as tragic as the plays that made him world famous, died here yesterday. He was 65.

Mr. O'Neill's third wife was at his bedside when he succumbed to pneumonia.

Tragically, Mr. O'Neill had been robbed of his ability to write for the past seven years, by Parkinson's disease. The palsy-like illness left his mind active and anxious for work, but caused his hands to shake so that he could not hold a pen. He tried to dictate a play, but was unable to work that way.

His plays cover some of the highest points of American drama: "Emperor Jones", "Strange Interlude," "Mourning Becomes Electra," "Anna Christie," "The Hairy Ape," "Beyond the Horizon," "Desire Under the Elms," "Marco Millions," "Lazarus Laughed," "The Great God Brown," "Ah Wilderness," and "The Iceman Cometh".

His later life also was marked by another personal tragedy when his son, a noted Greek scholar, was found with his wrists slashed in his home at Woodstock, New York.

His daughter Oona is married to Charles Chaplin.

His first two marriages ended in divorce. His present wife met him when she played in "The Hairy Ape." They were married in 1929 in Paris.

Several times in his life he had suffered nervous breakdowns, and had his share of trouble with stage censors and law suits. In 1932, Miss Georges Lewys, a poet, sued him for $2,000,000, charging that he had stolen the idea for "Strange Interlude" from one of her works. Mr. O'Neill won the court test. In 1925, the British Lord Chamberlain, who censors all material for the theatre, banned "Desire Under the Elms" from the London stage.

Mr. O'Neill, won the 1936 Nobel literature prize and three Pulitzer prizes for drama.

One unpublished play was put into a vault to be published 25 days after his death.

Henry L. Bernstein, French Dramatist

PARIS, Saturday (UP). — Mr. Henry L. Bernstein, one of the leading French dramatists of his generation, died here yesterday following an operation. He was 77.

The descendant of a family of bankers, he began to write for the theatre after studying at Paris and Cambridge Universities. He made his *debut* in 1900 with *Le Marche*, written for the noted French actor, Antoine.

A confirmed pacifist, he deserted his regiment after serving for seven months and fled to Belgium where he produced anti-war articles for the Paris daily "Aurore." He wrote twice on a Jewish theme, "Judith" and "Israel." Other successes included "Samson," "Le Secret," "Melo," "Le Jour," and "Elvire."

In 1938 he returned an award he had received from Mussolini following the enactment of Italy's "Aryan laws." In 1940, after the German capture of Paris he escaped to the U.S. He was a contributor to the Conservative daily, "Figaro."

10 Go on Trial In Prague for Treason

VIENNA, Saturday (UP). — Ten more Czechs went on trial in Prague today charged with "high treason and espionage" for the United States, the official Czech news CTK announced.

The agency said that the defendants had had contacts with the Vatican, and the French Intelligence Service as well as with the United States. It added they had used American dollars and a secret radio transmitter for their traffic in "important" information.

CTK reported that the chief defendant is Dr. Josef Zanahliu "who founded the anti-State group in cooperation with former member of the Hitler SS Units.

US Unions Back Israel

By JESSE ZEL LURIE,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Saturday. — One of the greatest achievements of the Histadrut's 33 years campaign in America is the adding of the 15 million organized AFL and CIO workers to the vocal friends of Israel, Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the 33rd anniversary Histadrut Conference here this evening.

At a luncheon today in honour of members of the CIO delegation to Israel last summer, M.J. Carey, Mr. M. Quill and others of the delegation spoke movingly of their impressions of Israel labour.

The CIO is buying half-an-hour television time next Friday to report on the Organization and Israel.

Other speakers this evening were Ambassador Abba Eban and Senator Wayne Morse.

Cables in Brief

KOREA. — A fire in Pusan which made 5,000 persons homeless was under control yesterday morning after blazing for 12 hours. Only two persons died in the conflagration, 39 were injured and two square miles of buildings were destroyed.

JAPAN. — A $5m. trade and payments agreement between Egypt and Japan was signed in Cairo yesterday.

QUEEN. — Queen Elizabeth on Friday held her first investiture outside Britain when she conferred honours on a number of Jamaicans in Kingston while on her six-month Commonwealth tour.

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Toy Distribution Begins Today

All the offices of *The Jerusalem Post* and the Imperial Chemical Industries warehouses in Tel Aviv are beehives of activity now as work proceeds at feverish pace on the sorting and packing of the Hanukka Toy Fund gifts being made ready for distribution.

This year the police are handling distribution for the Fund, and tomorrow morning the first tenders will leave for all parts of the country. Distribution continues tomorrow so that in the 150 border settlements and institutions cared for this year by the Toy Fund, all will be in place before the first candle is lit on Tuesday night.

Two hundred pounds of chocolate have been made available to the Fund by CARE. This handsome gift together with sweets and chocolate contributed by Bechira, Service for Israel and Scrip are real lifesavers to kindergartners trying to arrange parties on no budget at all.

Cash contributions broke another record on Friday when IL.704,250 was received in one day. Total cash received to date is now IL.5,498,600.

Contributions include:

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IL.3.600 Gad & Doron Kissinger, Tel Aviv.
IL.3 In memory of Ari, Jerusalem; Reuben, Ruti and Tamar, Anonymous, Z.H., Lilo & Erich, speedy recovery to Fritz, Ephraim & Michael Hirsch, Tel Aviv; Hagai, Ada, Raphael Diamant-Geisel Advertising, Judith Mansbacher, Haifa; A and A.H.B. in honour of Dr. A. Holti, Zurich; N.N., Affula.
IL.2.500 Anonymous, the "Weibers'" rummy, Tel Aviv.
IL.2 Imberg, Zahala; Nahum Mandel, Eytan Even, Ruth Finny Unger, Eliezer Sinai, Jerusalem; Anonymous, Hommel, Dorit R., N.N., Avigdor P., Michael Cyman, 14 months, Joseph Setty, Berkemlit Bros., Tel Aviv; 3 Anonymous, Ramat Gan; Anonymous, Herzlia; Michael & Gad, Holon; A.T.S., Rehovot; Tamir Eshel, Ramatayim; Alisa Jonas Miet, Affula; Amnon Preis (1½ years), Felix Seligman, H.G., Edward Amsalem, Haifa.
IL.1.800 Nilli Hohenberger, Haifa.
IL.1.800 Sari Berger in lieu of Hanukki geld to grandchild, Hadassah Club for Overseas Visitors Jerusalem; Daphna Prohar, Zahala; Y. Levin, Aviva Weintraub, Nere Laufer, Daphne Regina Schneider, Yoram Frei (3½) Bat Galim; H.R.M., Dr. Steinberg, Dorit Schiffrin, E. Lewinsohn, Alisa, Canasta party, Lapina, Naomi & Gideon Hirsch, Tirza Schwarz (birthday present), Benny Tieffenbrunner, Jacob Gur (7 months) instead of flowers on the occasion of his grandmother's birthday, Anonymous, Henny, Joe, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. E. Topolansky in honour of Sima's birthday, Cilla Steiner, Arnon & Datya Levy, Tel Aviv; Robert Baer, Michael Meyer, Herzlia; Michael & Nurit Katz, N.N., D.P., Dr. M. Gottheil-Cohen, in memory of Alfred Cohen of Bremen, Haifa.
IL.1.500 Gaby & Varda, Jerusalem; I. Lieberman, Raanana; Yitzhak Fritz, Tel Aviv.
IL.1 Ariela Maryan, Natanya; Tassel, Zahala; Micky Goldblum, Rehovot; Meir W[illegible] Anonymous, Y[illegible] Dror, Ada Bar Shera, Anonymous, Ronit and Lilit Wertheim, Anonymous, Tel Aviv; Mrs. Stein, Herzlia; Ruthi Peiser, Bat Yam; Sara Nord (11 months), Ramat Gan; Ruti and Irit Goldschmidt, Jerusalem; R. Kinory, Bobby Krieger (7 years) instead of a present to her cousin in Long Beach, Ami Hai, Haifa.
IL.0.800 Gad Karmon, Haifa.
IL.0.200 Idor Tass, Jerusalem.

PHOENIX ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Owing to a typographical omission an error was made in the Auditors Certificate of the Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd., Balance Sheet published on November 26, 1953.

This Certificate should have read:

We have audited the above Profit and Loss Account with the relative documents and records which have been produced to us for audit purposes by the Israel Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd. agents in Israel of The Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd., London. We have obtained all the information and explanations which we have required from the above Agents. The figures appertaining to the reinsurance effected in London in connection with the business of the Company in Israel for the year 1952 have not been included in the above Account. Subject to the foregoing remarks, in our opinion the above Profit and Loss Account is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs in Israel according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the records of the Agents in Israel.

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IT is six years today since the General Assembly of the United Nations passed its resolution in favour of the partition of Palestine. It is doubtful whether any Jew who was alive on that day and conscious of what was happening will ever forget it, for it was the greatest day in Jewish history not merely within living memory but for almost as far back as the historical memory of the Jewish people went.

GREATEST DAY

Of the many parts of the detailed project approved by the United Nations that evening, only one achieved fulfilment — and that perhaps not so much because of the General Assembly's decision as despite the Assembly's hesitations and second thoughts. The Jewish State was established in the following May by its own momentum and volition, which was not only conscious of its own great strength but took advantage of the weakening grip and rising demoralization of the *ancien régime*. On the day after November 29, 1947 the Arab leaders, within Palestine and without, began their physical struggle to prevent the Assembly's resolution being fulfilled: stones flew, traffic was ambushed, property set on fire, Jews were murdered — the preliminaries of a campaign of sabotage and destruction which has gone on, in various forms, down to the present time.

But while opposition to the Jewish State — political, diplomatic, economic — continues unabated, there has been a singular *volte face* in the declared objectives of Arab policy. That very same partition project which the Arabs furiously rejected six years ago has since become their dream: they are ready now, or so they say, to make peace with Israel on the basis of the 1947 resolution. If this is no longer possible, they have no one but themselves to blame, for it was they who did their damnedest to kill that resolution, who launched war against Israel the following spring, who urged the Arabs of Palestine to leave their homes in the hope of an early return to enjoy the loot, who continued to fight Israel on every front — and who now are sadder if not wiser men. Never was there a nation which showed such an aptitude for missing political buses as the Arabs: 1947 was neither the first occasion nor the last.

In these six years great things have been achieved in Israel. The war was won and the State consolidated within its borders. Its population has been more than doubled. It has built roads, introduced free compulsory education, developed new branches of agriculture, put up hundreds of new villages, extended its health services, established a foreign service with diplomatic and consular posts all over the world, widened its system of communications, launched bold development projects in the Negev and elsewhere, and in general transformed the face of the country. There have, of course, been disappointments too. The economic struggle has been uphill for State and individual alike. The development and deepening of cultural life have not kept pace with the growth of the State in other fields. Production, particularly of industrial goods, still presents problems that have scarcely been tackled, let alone solved. But, all in all, it is doubtful whether in this period much more could have been achieved. The time that has passed since the proclamation of Israel's independence is shorter than the duration of the second World War. But while the war seemed long, the years that have elapsed since Israel came into being seem few. Time has been short, and a great deal has had to be done.

On this occasion the people of Israel think with gratitude of those who have helped them — of the enthusiastic support they received in 1947 from freedom-loving Guatemala and Uruguay, of the recognition of their independence by President Truman within a few hours of the historic proclamation in the Tel Aviv Museum, of the constant aid received from the United States, of the generous assistance of Jews throughout the world. Many other thoughts crowd in on us: the epochal Ingathering of the Exiles, symbolized by Operation "Magic Carpet," the development of the Knesset into an effective parliamentary machine, the friendship which binds Israel to other countries, the establishment of orderly procedures in so many branches of public life, the consciousness of what still awaits us and what yet remains to be done. We look back on the past six years in a spirit of quiet thankfulness — and forward to the years ahead determined to prove worthy of the independence promised by the United Nations on that famous November 29.

Sir Winston Churchill's War Memoirs (XXX)

FIRST CLASH IN TRIESTE

Field-Marshal Alexander informed the Prime Minister on May 1, 1945, that he expected the English Army to reach Trieste within the next 24 hours. Tito's regular forces had, he said, occupied most of Istria and were fighting in Trieste.

If he himself were ordered to occupy the whole of Venezia Giulia, this would mean "a fight with the Yugoslav Army, which will have at least the moral backing of the Russians." He added a warning of the feeling of British forces if asked to fight an Ally.

TITO'S troops had in fact entered Trieste on April 30 in the hope not only of securing the city and the surrounding area, but also of obtaining the surrender of the German garrison of 7,000 men with all its equipment. It was not until the afternoon of the following day that the Yugoslav forces made contact with the advance-guard of the 2nd New Zealand Division just west of Monfalcone.

On May 2, Gen. Freyberg and his New Zealand troops entered Trieste, took the surrender of the German garrison, and occupied the dock areas.

A week later, on May 12, after the great events had happened in the Western theatre, there arrived from President Truman a most welcome and strong message. He said he was becoming increasingly concerned at Tito's actions in Venezia Giulia. Tito seemed to have no intention of abandoning the territory or letting this ancient problem await a general post-war settlement.

We must now decide, said the President, whether to uphold the fundamental principles of territorial settlement by orderly process against force, intimidation, or blackmail. If Tito succeeded he would probably claim parts of South Austria, Hungary and Greece.

Russian Relations

Although the stability of Italy and her relations with Russia might be at stake, the present issue was not a question of taking sides in a dispute between Italy and Yugoslavia or becoming involved in Balkan politics, but of deciding whether Britain and America were going to allow their Allies to engage in uncontrolled land-grabbing or tactics which were all too reminiscent of Hitler and Japan.

We should insist, he urged, on Field-Marshal Alexander obtaining complete and exclusive control of Trieste and Pola, the line of communication through Gorizia and Monfalcone, and of a big enough area to the east to ensure proper administration. Mr. Truman said we should be prepared to consider any necessary steps to effect Tito's withdrawal. He also added a draft message for our Ambassadors to deliver to Belgrade.

He suggested informing Stalin of our plans in accordance with the Yalta agreement and concluded as follows: "If we stand firm on this issue, as we are doing on Poland, we can hope to avoid a host of other similar encroachments."

I need not say how relieved I was to receive this invaluable support from my new companion.

War in East

There was ..... at this time the desire to finish off Japan by concentrating all available and suitable forces in the Far East. This was supported by the powerful school which had from the beginning set Far East before Europe. My suggestion of a "standstill" or a "standfast" order seems to have raised this issue abruptly in the President's circle. At any rate, his replies seemed couched in a somewhat different mood to that expressed in his telegram about Trieste.

On May 14 he said he preferred to see what happened before considering a continued, though temporary, occupation of the Soviet Zone in Germany by the Western Allies. As for the Yugoslavs, Mr. Truman declared that we should await reports about our messages to Belgrade before deciding what forces to use if our troops were attacked.

Two days later he decided he was unable and unwilling to involve his country in a war with the Yugoslavs unless they attacked us, in which case we would be justified in using Allied troops to threw them back far enough to stop any further aggression.

Meanwhile, the local situation around Trieste sharpened. At first Alexander would have been content if Tito had put his fighting and administrative troops under Allied command, at any rate in the areas where we were operating, though of course we would rather they withdrew completely. But Yugoslav posts and sentries were restricting our movements. Their behaviour, both in Austria and Venezia Giulia, made a bad impression on the Allied troops, both United States, and British.

On May 19 I replied to the President,

> I hope you will not mind my putting to you, with great respect, the need for some further consideration of the words "a war with the Yugoslavs," and secondly "attack us." I do not envisage a war with the Yugoslavs, and short of war, I do not consider Ambassadors should be withdrawn. It is at critical junctures that Ambassadors should be on the spot.
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> Meanwhile, Tito's answer has arrived, and is completely negative. We clearly cannot leave matters in this state, and immediate action will now be necessary. Otherwise we shall merely appear to have been bluffing, and will in fact be bluffed out.
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> I think we should prevent the rough handling of our front-line troops, or infiltrations ostensibly peaceful, but contrary to the directions of the Allied commanders, and on a scale to endanger the position of our forces where they now stand.
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> In these conditions I should not consider action by Alexander to ensure the proper functioning of his Military Government as constituting "a war with the Yugoslavs." But I certainly think that pressure should be put upon them to quit Trieste and Pola and return to the lines marked out, and that this pressure should be regarded as in the nature of frontier incidents rather than as principal diplomatic decisions.

Truman Agrees

On May 21 Mr. Truman said he agreed we could not leave matters as they were. We should reject Tito's answer and reinforce our troops at once so that the Yugoslavs should have no doubts about our intentions. He proposed that Eisenhower and Alexander should make a show of force by land and air, and time it to coincide with our rejection of Tito's demands. The President thought that a heavy demonstration might bring Tito to his senses, but if hostilities began he doubted if they could be treated as frontier incidents.

He accordingly sent me the text of appropriate instructions for Alexander and Eisenhower, but he ended his telegram with a revealing sentence: "I must not have any avoidable interference with the redeployment of American forces to the Pacific."

It was not until a month had passed of increasing friction with the Soviets and with Tito that Stalin himself addressed me on the Yugoslav problem.

Marshal Stalin to Prime Minister

21 June 45

> Notwithstanding the fact that the Yugoslav Government accepted the proposal of the American and British Governments with regard to the Istria-Trieste region, the conversations in Trieste seem to have reached a deadlock. This is principally to be explained by the fact that the representatives of the Allied Command in the Mediterranean are unwilling to take account even of the minimum wishes of the Yugoslavs.
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> Yet the Yugoslavs earned the merit of liberating this territory from the German invaders, and in that territory moreover the Yugoslav population is in a majority. This position cannot be regarded as satisfactory from the point of view of the Allies.
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> In my desire not to make matters worse, I have hitherto not drawn attention in our correspondence to the behaviour of Field-Marshal Alexander; but now it is time to emphasize that I cannot accept the supercilious tone with regard to the Yugoslavs which Field-Marshal Alexander has occasionally adopted in these conversations.
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> It is absolutely unacceptable that Field-Marshal Alexander in an official and public message allowed himself to compare Marshal Tito with Hitler and Mussolini. Such a comparison is unjustified and offensive to Yugoslavia.

I replied.

Prime Minister to Marshal Stalin

23 June 45

> Our joint idea at the Kremlin in October was that the Yugoslav business should work out around 50-50 Russian and British influence. In fact it is at present more like 90-10, and even in that poor 10 we have been subjected to violent pressure by Marshal Tito. So violent was this pressure that the United States and His Majesty's Government had to put in motion many hundreds of thousands of troops in order to prevent themselves from being attacked by Marshal Tito.
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> Great cruelties have been inflicted by the Yugoslavs on the Italians in this part of the world, particularly in Trieste and Fiume, and generally they have shown a disposition to grasp all the territory into which their light forces have penetrated.
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> The movement of these light forces could not have been made unless you for your part had made immense and welcome advances from the east and in the north, and unless Field-Marshal Alexander had held 27 enemy divisions on his front in Italy and finally reduced them to surrender.
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> I do not consider that it can be said that Marshal Tito has conquered all this territory. It has been conquered by the movements of far greater forces, both in the west and in the east, which compelled the strategic retreat of the Germans from the Balkans.
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> At any rate, we have reached an agreement which it is proposed to enforce. We think that any permanent territorial changes should be settled at the peace table, and Marshal Tito is in no way prejudiced by accepting the present line which we demand until that meeting takes place. In the interval we can talk all these matters over together at Berlin.
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> The actual wording of Field-Marshal Alexander's telegram has been largely taken from the President's draft. We do not see why we should be pushed about everywhere, especially by people we have helped, and helped before you were able to make any contact with them. Therefore I do not see any reason to make excuses for Field-Marshal Alexander, although I was not aware that he was going to draft his telegram exactly in this way.
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> It seems to me that a Russian-led frontier running from Lubeck through Eisenach to Trieste and down to Albania is a matter which requires a very great deal of argument conducted between good friends.

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MUSICAL DIARY

EXCEPT for Shlomo Hofman's 'Hassidia' for clarinet and strings, which did not say much even to those fond of Hassidic trends in music, Kol Yisrael's Tuesday concert at the Y.M.C.A. conducted by George Singer continued with its Beethoven-Schubert cycle.

Sara Bodankin-Rabinovitz was soloist in Beethoven's Piano Concerto in G Major, rendered with rhythmic vivacity and lyrical fluency. Schubert's Sixth Symphony received an intimate and inspired interpretation.

Collegium Musicum

KOL Yisrael's Collegium Musicum sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. billed Wednesday's programme as 'Old and New Italian Masters', although only the first part of that promise was fulfilled. Andrea Gabrieli's Three-four part Ricercari, striking in its *motifs*, made a lively opening. Vivaldi's Concerto for Violin and strings in E Major 'La Primavera' is an early example of programme music which received a tender and controlled performance by soloist Asher Feldman. Max Lampel excelled in dynamic registration in Frescobaldi's Toccata and Fugue in G Minor for organ.

The vocal part was less satisfactory. Duets by Leonardo Leo and Benedetto Marcello for two altos (Mira Salomon and Hanna Avdori) lacked unanimity, particularly Marcello's 21st Psalm. We enjoyed the closing Suite of Dances for String Quintet by Boccherini all the more. The Second Minuetto and Seguidilla in particular had real charm.

Future programmes include promises of music by old and new French, English and Dutch Masters. Let us hope that, in future, the new will also be given a chance. *FRANGO*

In Haifa

FIVE gentlemen in black wielding flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon (The Israel Wind Ensemble — Toeplitz, Thorner, Ettlinger, Lewy, Rechtman) served the Haifa Chamber Music Society last Saturday a full five-course menu of their art at Bet Harofeh with skill and discipline.

They opened with an *apéritif* of five old French dances, of which those of Lully and Senaillé, though courtly and restrained in form, were the most vivacious in spirit. Darius Milhaud's suite for wind quintet is composed with a sense of the entertaining character of this set of instruments which brooks no long-windedness. The six pieces are brief, light and unassuming and will not tire the listener — nor the performers. After Jacques Ibert's modernism and sophistication, this reviewer's spirits were restored by a quintet of Franz Danzi (a German contemporary of Mozart) and a *mélange* of two Mozart *divertimenti*, which showed off the players at their best.

The men behind the five instruments, including the obstreperous horn, had no easy task to make their breath follow such thorny scores as Ibert's, and merited applause for a charming if not too substantial evening. *Y.Am.*

Gift Horses With a Tale

By ANITA ENGLE

THE shiny red and yellow wooden gift horses have no teeth; but they have a fine tale attached to them. They come from Ramat Hadassah, the Youth Aliyah reception centre in Lower Galilee, as a contribution from the carpentry class to *The Jerusalem Post* Hanukka Toy Fund.

The 12 and 13-year-old newcomers, mainly from Morocco, were so taken with the idea of sending gifts to children in the ma'abarot, that they almost wrecked their own project — a Hanukka Sale of their handiwork for the Jewish National Fund — until a judicious choice of six animals was arrived at.

Ramat Hadassah's function is to pass on children to their training centres after three to six weeks. As about 25% of the new arrivals are psychologically disturbed or in some way unfit to enter a normal training centre, they stay at Ramat Hadassah until they become adjusted, and a suitable place can be found for them.

Until six months ago, there was nothing to occupy these children except school work. A carpentry course was suggested by Reuven Zilber, an ex-kibbutznik from Alonim, and a basement was equipped with the best obtainable tools. The results were startling from the first: boys who were noisy and unmanageable everywhere else became eager, industrious, obedient in the carpentry shop.

Reuven says that he used no special methods, because he knew of none. But each child was given the type of work that satisfied him. Most of the children are illiterate, but in two months, the average time they spend on the course, they progress rapidly. More than 50 children have passed through Reuven's hands, and he has not found one who is not in some way gifted to work with his hands. Apart from the skills revealed in creating something which other people find useful and beautiful, the children are imbued with a feeling of security and of equality which changes their attitude to life, and hence their behaviour.

The red and yellow horses so proudly donated to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund were made by two 12-year-olds, Haim and David.

Readers' Letters

Points From Letters

SMOKING IN BUSES. — Smoking in buses must be absolutely prohibited during the cold, wet winter months when bus windows are closed. Many people have asthma or bronchial trouble and just can't stand the smoke.
Haifa. *Dr. WM. E. LEE*

EDUCATION. — My son, a first-grader, is in a class of 63 pupils studying in a small classroom with only two windows. They are taught for only 21 hours a week — this includes recesses. What can even the best teachers do under these conditions and what can even the most gifted children learn? If money could be found for the "Conquest of the Desert," this overfilling of classes and cutting of school hours because of lack of funds is inexcusable.
Jerusalem. *C. KAPLAN*

HEBREW COLUMN. — Many thanks for Column No. 40. I had almost lost hope. I wish that those who appreciate the Hebrew Column would give you a postcard shower just to show you how much good you do with this column.
Natanya. *CHARLES GROSS*

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The Week in the Knesset

Work for the Whips

By GERDA LUFT

LAST week, the Speaker used his prestige to restore attendance in the Knesset. Empty benches have been the rule in the past few weeks since nothing sensational was on the agenda and party negotiations took up the time of Ministers and were the general focus of interest. This state of affairs will change only when coalition talks are no longer interminably drawn out.

The Speaker also touched on another problem. Committee work takes up much of a Knesset Member's time and is likely to consume more in the future. Investigation of economic and administrative issues increasingly is passed on to various committees. It is physically impossible for committee members to complete their agenda in two mornings a week, and it is only natural that they should prefer to finish their deliberations during Knesset sessions in the afternoon and evenings, rather than leave the work undone. The Speaker wishes the committees to stop work when the bell summons members into the hall — a demand which is no more than reasonable. Once the habit of holding committee meetings during general sessions becomes ingrained, the hall will remain permanently empty. On the other hand, there is no denying that committees are unable to complete their work if they do not extend their meetings. Is the lengthening of the Knesset's working week the only solution or would more careful planning of parliamentary business and the pruning of inessentials provide a remedy?

Sincere Discussion

That nothing is more likely to raise the level of Parliamentary discussions than the temporary break-down of the Party barriers was proved once more on Tuesday when the Penal Code Amendments Bill was introduced by the Minister of Justice and followed by a discussion as interesting as it was sincere. It appears that once members are freed from the necessity to toe the party line, they take greater pains to study the merits of an issue; they listen to opponents' arguments with care, considering them for what they are worth and for the moment forget to take into account the prospective voter as the arbiter of their words and deeds; on these occasions they are first and foremost concerned with the influence of legislation on the development of the community.

The Minister of Justice and Mr. Harari (Progressive) both used this opportunity to press for a decision on the abolition or retention of the death penalty. The issue has been debated at length in the House, and the bill has been in Committee for a long time. In the meantime, all those sentenced to death have had their sentences commuted by the President, i.e. by administrative means. The Knesset will have to decide this crucial issue soon, even if it involves a step that may be disagreeable to many members.

Last week gave additional proof of the assertion that the Knesset is much more than a legislative body, and that people turn to it almost instinctively with their grievances. M.K.s sometimes wonder why demands of *Ma'abarot* residents are not addressed straight to the Ministries concerned, but they forget the emotional significance of a Parliament which is the centre of public opinion and therefore the institution to which a person turns if he feels that something is wrong. This is as it should be. Even if the Knesset cannot instantly redress a wrong it can discuss it and exert pressure upon the Government.

Exerting pressure by means of demonstrations outside the Knesset, sometimes with the help of opposition parties, is a different matter. A law banning demonstrations around the Knesset has been passed and must be upheld. Delegations to the Knesset, on the other hand, even if they often mean trouble for committee members, probably are normal and healthy under present conditions.

The delegation of parents, for instance, which visited the Education Committee in order to press for a full schedule of instruction in schools, is a case in point. The Knesset needs such immediate contact with the public and will benefit from it, as long as pressure is grounded on reasonable arguments and the will to cooperate with the authorities.

Queries on Imports

Questions addressed to the Minister of Commerce and Industry about the import of goods produced in this country touched on a subject which was felt to be highly topical. On this occasion, honey and woollen blankets imported from abroad were singled out for attention. Mr. Bernstein, who has made a name for himself in the Knesset by not slurring over administrative defects, admitted that more honey had been imported than licensed and that the issue of imported woollen blankets would have to be investigated. It is evident from these answers and from various facts which have come to the public's attention during the last couple of years that as far as imports are concerned the Government's right hand does not know what the left is doing. A radical remedy will have to be found, as questions in the Knesset can do no more than clarify facts, and committees can only investigate details. Reforms can come only from the Ministries themselves.

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